

March 10, 2025

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The Honorable Warren Petersen
Arizona State Senate
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The Honorable Steven Montenegro
Arizona House of Representatives
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Dear President Petersen and Speaker Montenegro:

House Bill 2691 requires AHCCCS to annually report the status of Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) and Northland Pioneer Community College (NPCC) efforts to expand behavioral health workforce training programs in Maricopa and Navajo Counties.

Specifically, AHCCCS must report the following:

1. The number and type of behavioral health programs created at each community college district, including the number and type of programs at each individual community college in the district.
2. The number of students supported financially in each program at each individual community college.
3. The number of students completing each program by type of program and at each specific community college.

The report is due to be submitted by December 31, 2024. Because final grades for students receiving financial support for the Fall 2024 semester are not available until mid-January, reporting requirement number 3; the number of students completing each program by type of program and at each specific community college are not included in this version of the report. When the final grades are submitted by the faculty to program staff at MCCCD and NPCC and received at AHCCCS, we will amend and resubmit this report to include this data.

The report is organized into three parts.

Section I – MCCCCD, Section II, NPCC and Section III, NPCC and MCCCCD Summary for 2023 and 2024.

Except for Section III, the report includes data from the spring, summer and fall semesters of 2024.

Section III will combine and report data from fall 2023 through fall 2024.

The required data is reported in table form with a brief narrative explanation of each table.

- Table 1 reports the number and type of behavioral health programs created at each community college district in 2024. In MCCCCD's case, the table reports the number and type of programs at each individual community college in the district.
- Table 2 reports the number of students supported financially in each behavioral health program. MCCCCD data Table 2 reports the number of financially supported students by program and by community college.
- Table 3A reports the total number of students, including financially supported students, who were enrolled in each type of behavioral health program. MCCCCD data Table 3A reports this data by program and by college.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at (602) 417-4458.

Sincerely,



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Director

cc: The Honorable Carine Werner, Chair, Senate Health & Human Services Committee
The Honorable Selina Bliss, Chairman, House Health & Human Services Committee
The Honorable Adrian Fontes, Arizona Secretary of State
Meaghan Kramer, Health Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

Section I. Maricopa Community College District

Table 1. Behavioral health programs created at MCCCDC , including the number and type of programs at each individual community college in the district.

Five (5) colleges within the Maricopa County Community College District currently offer behavioral health programs. Of these five (5), two (2) colleges, Phoenix Community College and South Mountain Community College, implemented new programs in 2023. Mesa Community College and Rio Salado Community College, implemented two new behavioral health programs in 2024 and are now accepting students.

Table Legend	Program Not Offered	X Program Currently Offered	XX - Implemented in 2024
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Maricopa County Community College District Behavioral Health Programs	Participating Colleges				
	Glendale CC	Mesa CC	Phoenix CC	Rio Salado CC	South Mtn. CC
Behavioral Health Sciences (4 year BS degree)					X
Counseling & Applied Psych. Science (AA)	X	X	X	X	X
Family Life Education (AA)	X	X	X	X	X
Psychology (AA)	X	X	X	X	X
Social Work (AA)	X	X	X	X	X
Addictions Substance Use Disorders (AAS)				X	
Behavioral Sciences (AAS)	X				X
Addictions Substance Use Disorders 1 (CCL)				X	
Addictions Substance Use Disorders 2 (CCL)				X	
Adolescent Studies (CCL)			X		
Advanced Behavioral Sciences (CCL)	X				X
Developmental Disabilities Specialist (CCL)	X				
Foundations of BH Science (CCL)	X		X	XX	X
Professional Addictions Counseling (CCL)				X	
Substance Abuse Prevention & Intervention (CCL)				X	
Victimology (CCL)	X	X	X	X	X
Foundations in Addictions & Substance Use (CCL)				X	
Psychiatric Technician		XX			
Total Behavioral Health Programs by College	9	6	7	12	9
Total New Behavioral Health Programs by College		1		1	
Total New Behavioral Health Programs Created by Maricopa County Community College District	2	In the Fall of 2024, Mesa CC implemented the Psych Tech program and Rio Salado CC implemented the Foundations of BH Science program.			

Table 2. The number of students financially supported by eligible programs and community college within the Maricopa County Community College District.

During the Spring, Summer, and Fall Semesters of 2024, the five (5) colleges within the Maricopa County Community College District financially supported the participation of 672 students in the behavioral health programs listed in Table 2. The newly implemented four (4) year, B.S. degree program in Behavioral Health Science at South Mountain Community Colleges alone financially supports 242 students

Behavioral Health Programs	Glendale CC	Mesa CC	Phoenix CC	Rio Salado CC	South Mtn. CC
Behavioral Health Sciences (4 year BS)					242
Counseling & Applied Psych. Science (AA)	11	19	11	6	0
Family Life Education (AA)	2	0	0	0	0
Psychology (AA)	44	27	28	7	6
Social Work (AA)	17	15	25	8	1
Addictions Substance Use Disorders (AAS)				84	
Behavioral Sciences (AAS)	63				16
Addictions Substance Use Disorders 1 (CCL)				6	
Addictions Substance Use Disorders 2 (CCL)				0	
Adolescent Studies (CCL)			0		
Advanced Behavioral Sciences (CCL)	9				5
Developmental Disabilities Specialist (CCL)	2				
Foundations of BH Science (CCL)	5		6		4
Professional Addictions Counseling (CCL)				0	
Substance Abuse Prevention & Intervention (CCL)				3	
Victimology (CCL)	0	0	0	0	0
Foundations in Addictions & Substance Use (CCL)	0			0	
Psychiatric Technician					
Total Students Financially Supported by College and Program in 2024	153	61	70	114	274
Total Students Financially Supported by MCCCCD	672				

Table 3A. The number of students enrolled in each type of BH program within the Maricopa County Community College District.

During the Spring, Summer and Fall Semesters of 2024, a total of 5,137 individual students enrolled in behavioral health programs offered by the five (5) colleges within the Maricopa County Community College District. This is an increase of 2,487 students from 2023.

Total Student Enrollment In Behavioral Health Programs	Glendale CC	Mesa CC	Phoenix CC	Rio Salado CC	South Mtn. CC
Behavioral Health Sciences (4 year BS)					1067
Counseling & Applied Psych. Science (AA)	109	219	101	51	28
Family Life Education (AA)	13	7	3	8	3
Psychology (AA)	619	635	303	240	104
Social Work (AA)	143	276	147	74	20
Addictions Substance Use Disorders (AAS)				3112	
Behavioral Sciences (AAS)	240				138
Addictions Substance Use Disorders 1 (CCL)				67	
Addictions Substance Use Disorders 2 (CCL)				25	
Adolescent Studies (CCL)			0		
Advanced Behavioral Sciences (CCL)	55				48
Developmental Disabilities Specialist (CCL)	7				
Foundations of BH Science (CCL)	55		2		61
Professional Addictions Counseling (CCL)				5	
Substance Abuse Prevention & Intervention (CCL)				1	
Victimology (CCL)	0	3	0	2	0
Foundations in Addictions & Substance Use (CCL)				0	
Psychiatric Technician					
Total Students Completing Programs by College	1228	1121	553	769	1466
Total Students Completing All MCCCDC Programs	5137	2650 (2023)			

Table 3B. The number of individual students receiving financial support who satisfied coursework requirements for each type of eligible behavioral health program by program and by college in 2024.

Of the 5,137 total students enrolled in behavioral health programs offered by the five (5) colleges within the Maricopa County Community College District, 672 students were supported financially in 2024. Of the 672 total students who were financially supported 112 students successfully completed the required coursework.

Behavioral Health Programs	Glendale CC	Mesa CC	Phoenix CC	Rio Salado CC	South Mtn. CC
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Behavioral Health Sciences (4 year BS)					5
Counseling & Applied Psych. Science (AA)	1	1	2	0	0
Family Life Education (AA)	1	0	0	0	0
Psychology (AA)	7	0	7	0	1
Social Work (AA)	3	1	2	0	0
Addictions Substance Use Disorders (AAS)				4	
Behavioral Sciences (AAS)	4				9
Addictions Substance Use Disorders 1 (CCL)				8	
Addictions Substance Use Disorders 2 (CCL)				5	
Adolescent Studies (CCL)			0		
Advanced Behavioral Sciences (CCL)	5				14
Developmental Disabilities Specialist (CCL)	1				
Foundations of BH Science (CCL)	13		0	0	18
Professional Addictions Counseling (CCL)				0	
Substance Abuse Prevention & Intervention (CCL)				0	
Victimology (CCL)	0	0	0	0	0
Workforce Development Foundations in Addictions & Substance Use (CCL)				0	
Psychiatric Technician		0			
Total Students Financially Supported by College	35	2	11	17	47
Total Students Financially Supported by MCCCC	112				

Section II. Northern Pioneer Community College

Table 1. Behavioral health programs created at NPCC, including the number and type of programs at each individual community college in the district.

Since the project's inception in the fall of 2023, NPCC has developed and implemented three (3) new behavioral health programs. There were no new programs developed by NPCC in 2024.

Northland Pioneer College Behavioral Health Programs
Behavioral Health Studies (Associate of Applied Science)
Behavioral Health Technician (Certificate of Applied Science)

Behavioral Health (Certificate of Proficiency)
Total Behavioral Health Programs = 3
Total New Behavioral Health Programs Implemented in 2024 = 0

Table 2. The total number of students supported financially in each program at Northern Pioneer Community College.

During the calendar year of 2024, NPCC’s newly implemented two (2) year Associates of Applied Science degree program in Behavioral Health Studies financially supports 12 students.

Behavioral Health Programs	
Behavioral Health Studies (Associate of Applied Science)	12
Behavioral Health Technician (Certificate of Applied Science)	0
Behavioral Health (Certificate of Proficiency)	0
Total Students Financially Supported	12

Table 3A. The number of students enrolled in each type of BH program within the Northland Pioneer College .

During the Spring, Summer and Fall Semesters of 2024, a total of 80 individual students were enrolled in the three behavioral health programs offered by NPCC.

Northland Pioneer College Behavioral Health Programs	
Behavioral Health Studies (Associate of Applied Science)	78

Behavioral Health Technician (Certificate of Applied Science)	1
Behavioral Health (Certificate of Proficiency)	1
Total Students Programs Enrollment	

Table 3B. The number of individual students receiving financial support who satisfied coursework requirements for Behavioral Health Studies, Associate of Applied Science program in 2024.

During the Spring, Summer and Fall Semesters of 2024, 12 students received financial support and 10 students successfully satisfied the coursework requirements of the Behavioral Health Studies Program.

Northland Pioneer College Behavioral Health Programs	
Behavioral Health Studies (Associate of Applied Science)	12
Behavioral Health Technician (Certificate of Applied Science)	10
Behavioral Health (Certificate of Proficiency)	0
Total Student Program Completion	10

Section III. MCCCD and NPCC Summary

1. Seven (7) new behavioral health programs were created at MCCCD and NPCC in 2023 and 2024.
2. A total of one thousand and 6 (1,006) students were financially supported by both MCCCD (988) and NPCC (18) in 2023 and 2024.
- 3A. A total of 5,217 students (including financially supported students) were enrolled in 48 total behavioral health programs in 2023 and 2024 (MCCCD 45 programs and NPCC 3 programs).

3B. A total of 122 individual students who received financial support satisfied all coursework requirements in 2023 and 2024.